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Customized PTO/SB/30 (09-04)

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE) Transmittal**

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| Application # | 09/913,860 |
| Confirmation # | 5469 |
| Filing Date | 27 September 2001 |
| First Inventor | MASUDA et al. |
| Art Unit | 1764 |
| Examiner | Nguyen |
| Docket # | P07340US00/BAS |

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
RCE practice does not apply to any utility application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**Submission required
under 37 CFR § 1.114**

Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise (with a separate Request).

..... **Previously submitted.** If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered by the PTO as a submission even if this line is not checked.

..... Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on

..... Other:

☒ **Enclosed**

..... ☒ Amendment/Reply

..... Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

..... Information Disclosure Citation

..... Other:

Miscellaneous

..... **Suspension of action** on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of * months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37CFR§ 1.17(i) required)

..... Other:

FEES: calculated below (after reduction for an amendment if noted above).

| | NOW | Basic/Previous Number | Present Extra | Rate | \$ |
|---|-----|-----------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 6 | - 20 | 0 | X \$ 18 = | |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 | - 3 | 0 | X \$ 88 = | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) | | | | \$ 790 = | 790 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | | 790 |
| Reduction by ½ for small entity status of applicant | | | | - | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | | 790 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee | | | | + \$ = | 430 |
| Other fee for | | | | + \$ = | |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES = | | | | | \$1,220.00 |

☒ A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$ 1,220.00 is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee, additional fee or extension fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555:

- (1) if no payment or an insufficient payment is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith; or
(2) if no petition for extension of time is enclosed but an EOT is required - and in this event, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely.

Date: 10 November 2004

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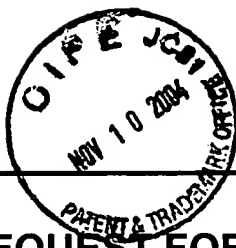
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**REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION**

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In response to the Final Rejection dated January 15, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated August 10, 2004, and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, Applicants submit that the present application overcomes all prior rejections and is in condition for allowance for reasons as set forth in the **Remarks** which are provided herewith as **Attachment A**.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is thus sought for the reasons as stated in the attached Remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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